

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Sath V. Perungavoor for courtesies extended in the telephone conferences conducted on September 19, 2005, the personal interview with Examiner Perungavoor and Primary Examiner Daniel G. Mariam on October 5, 2005, and the telephone interview conducted on October 25, 2005.

An informal Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTOL-413) was provided by the Examiner at the personal interview.

Applicant submits this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the personal interview, the following was discussed:

A. Identification of claims discussed:

Claims 1 and 11.

B. Identification of prior art discussed:

The Wang reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,038,333) primarily was discussed.

C. Identification of principal proposed amendments:

No amendments were proposed by Applicant.

D. Brief Identification of principal arguments:

Applicant's representative noted that the claimed invention is directed to an exemplary image recording method and apparatus which can simplify the input of identification information on a subject, which enables an easy check on the

correspondence between the subject identification information input before photographing and the subject to be photographed, and which can automatically record information in a format suitable for a database (e.g., see specification at page 3, lines 11-16), as set forth in the After-final Amendment filed on October 5, 2005.

For example, the claimed invention is particularly suitable for use in taking photographs (e.g., diagnosis images) of a subject (e.g., a patient, an affected part or limb of a patient, etc.) for medical diagnosis.

In contrast, Applicant's representative argued that Wang discloses that a face image is captured (i.e., the person is photographed) before displaying the person-identifying data and confirming the identity of the person, not after the person's identity is confirmed (e.g., see Wang at Abstract; see also Figure 4; see also column 3, lines 19-34; column 5, lines 53-67).

E. Results of the Interview:

No agreement was reached.

As one option for advancing the prosecution, the Examiner suggested removing the "one of" language in claim 11 and placing it in all of the independent claims.

Applicant's representative stated that he would report the Examiner's suggested Amendment to the Applicant.


Applicant's representative confirmed with the Examiner in the telephone interview conducted on October 25, 2005, that Applicant would not be submitting a Supplemental Amendment, at this time.

F. Conclusion:

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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